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Prices were lower on the larger sizes in most locations across the nation with smalls unchanged in the Midwest at the start of the week. Prices trended lower on the larger sizes in the Eastern region and in Chicago at the close of the period. The trade sentiment was steady at the beginning of the week and closed barely steady to weak. Demand was light to moderate with best movement in areas where feature activity was planned or in progress. Supplies were adequate to ample for the larger sizes and adequate to occasionally close for the lighter weights. Breaking stock prices were unchanged at the start of the week and finished mostly 1 cent lower with checks and undergrades generally 2 cents lower. Demand was light to moderate for the at least adequate offerings. Some breakers were pursuing attractively priced graded product and using company owned production to satisfy current needs. Floor stocks adequate. Schedules were generally full-time. Trade sentiment steady at best to barely steady. Offerings of light type hens were fully adequate to ample for the fair demand. Trade sentiment weak.

**PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	89-93	79-83	61-63
New York	57-59	54-57	45-48
Philadelphia	55-63	53-61	44-49
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	53-54	51.5-53	42-43
Jackson (1)	62-63	60-61	51-52
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	60-75	57-73	48-62
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	48-53	47-52	39-44
Detroit (2)	49-52	48-51	37-40
Major Ohio Cities (2)	50-55	49-53	38-43
Major Wisconsin Cities	53-60	51-58	41-48
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	68-71	65-67	56
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	86	80	71
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

**SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA** FOR WEEK ENDING 16-Apr-99  
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EXLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	63.76	61.38	50.01
SOUTHERN	61.54	59.92	49.92
MIDWEST	53.46	52.28	41.63
WESTERN	78.71	75.09	65.47
TWELVE METRO AREAS	66.52	64.05	53.61

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	04-20-99	04-13-99	04-21-98
Large	32-34	32-34	37-39
Medium	21-23	21-23	21-23

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-** AM Apr. 19,1999  
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO	SO	SO		5-Area
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	6.1	7.7	4.6	7.8	9.1	35.3
	Change	0.5	-0.7	0.3	-1.6	2.2	2%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	21.8	23.3	10.7	19.3	13.6	88.7
	Change	2.6	5.0	0.8	-0.2	-0.1	10%
Large	Curr Wk	41.9	52.2	51.1	60.9	80.0	286.1
	Change	0.7	1.6	9.0	7.4	7.8	10%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.2	18.0	12.4	18.6	17.5	76.7
	Change	-0.1	3.1	2.2	1.5	2.9	14%
Small	Curr Wk	3.9	4.1	3.7	4.0	3.0	18.7
	Change	0.3	1.5	1.5	0.7	-1.7	14%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.4	14.4	8.4	9.7	6.0	42.9
	Change	-1.0	2.1	-0.8	2.3	2.0	12%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	35.5	66.1	12.3	28.9	46.0	188.8
	Change	1.4	12.4	3.6	-1.7	3.5	11%
Total	Curr Wk	123.8	185.8	103.2	149.2	175.2	737.2
Percent	Change	4%	16%	19%	6%	10%	11%

**TOTAL** Number of Cases Percent Change Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	737.2	11%	166
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	409.4	12%	40

Total Shell Egg 1146.6 11% 206

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 166 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

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No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 17-Apr-99

(LBS IN THOUSANDS)

(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,109,838	25,494	11,229	6,123	2,765	3,459
PW	1,075,263	25,106	10,504	5,645	2,852	3,501
LY	1,096,441	26,238	10,242	5,373	2,526	3,557
% PW	3	2	7	8	-3	-1
% LY	1	-3	10	14	9	-3
1999	15,598,822	358,065	153,184	84,783	38,926	49,270
1998	15,257,611	342,986	155,307	86,049	39,446	49,647
<b>AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -</b>						
	<b>CURRENT WEEK</b>	<b>PREVIOUS WEEK</b>	<b>LAST YEAR</b>			
	41.72	41.62	41.42			

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT** FOR W/E 17-Apr-99  
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	247.7	0	-3
E.N. CENTRAL	462.7	0	2
W.N. CENTRAL	203.0	-9	-15
S. ATLANTIC	191.5	-2	-9
S. CENTRAL	74.4	-1	0
WEST	217.9	9	-7
TOTAL	1397.2	0	-5
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		99	98

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	Apr 10	Apr 17 Thousand	Apr 10	Apr 17
AL	27,671	27,627	*19,025	20,262
AR	*30,213	30,379	*23,223	24,774
DE	4,716	4,773	5,134	5,153
FL	2,933	2,820	2,612	2,348
GA	*31,800	31,805	*24,783	25,785
MD	8,951	8,974	6,304	6,411
MS	18,534	18,292	14,623	15,148
NC	18,352	18,236	13,745	14,463
PA	*3,782	3,665	*2,707	2,613
SC	4,863	4,787	*4,124	3,237
TX	13,831	13,808	10,626	10,586
VA	6,584	6,603	5,385	5,099
CA, TN, & WV	*11,245	11,597	*10,494	9,651
15 State Total	*183,475	183,366	*142,785	145,530
Previous Year	177,209	175,023	140,750	140,207
Pct. of Prev.	104	105	101	104

\*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 29-May-99 IS ESTIMATED AT 151.1 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 152.9 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 148.1 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 132.5 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 61.86 CENTS PER POUND.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES-WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES**

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 04/15/99-04/21/99

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	35.50	36.00	34.44	36.40	35.00	37.00	33.00
GNR W 2	—	35.00	—	34.00	30.00	—	8.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	28.67	—	2.50
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	22.00	24.00	1.00
GL W XL	—	—	42.50	43.67	36.00	35.50	13.00
GL W LG	—	42.09	40.67	42.67	36.62	—	14.50
GL W MD	—	—	30.47	31.50	31.43	—	13.00
GL W SM	24.50	25.50	25.80	27.30	28.00	30.00	6.50
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	30.00	27.00	—	1.00
NRBS - 48	26.67	28.00	—	—	29.20	28.33	33.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 17-Apr-99

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT CHG PW LY
ATLANTA	25.9	38.8	-33 -4
BOSTON	5.5	6.5	-15 -48
CHICAGO	35.4	36.3	-2 18
DETROIT	24.7	18.5	34 15
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0 0
LOS ANGELES	84.4	85.6	-1 -2
NEW ORLEANS	10.9	12.7	-14 6
NEW YORK	43.7	38.9	12 -2
ST. LOUIS	1.8	1.8	0 -5
SAN FRANCISCO	18.8	18.9	-1 4
TOTAL	251.2	258.1	-3 1
4 WK MVG AVG	320.9		

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING** 10-Apr-99

	FRYER- ROASTERS	YOUNG TURKEYS	OLD BANDED	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	0	4,521	43	4,564
AVGWT	0.00	26.73	26.40	26.73
LAST WEEK	0	3,610	26	3,636
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	4,430	57	4,487
AVGWT	0.00	25.82(A)	26.56	25.83
TO-DATE/1999	0	63,017(A)	429	63,446
TO-DATE/1998	8	71,823(A)	552	72,383

(A) Includes 255,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 294,000 in 1998.

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 10-Apr-99  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

---YOUNG TURKEYS---			FRYER	OLD	TOTAL	TKY
THOUSAND	PW	AVG	RSTR	BAND	HEAD	WT
HEAD	% CHG	WT	---THOUSAND HEAD---			
NEAST	756	4	21.34	NONE	NONE	756 21.34
SATL	581	-8	29.79	(A)	(A)	593 29.70
N CENT	2,273	74	30.18	(A)	(A)	2,302 30.12
S CENT	638	7	18.52	NONE	NONE	638 18.52
WEST	273	-23	25.55	(A)	(A)	275 25.70
U.S.TOTAL	4,521(B)	25	26.73	0	43	4,564 26.73
TO DATE						
1999	63,017(B)			0	429	63,446
TO DATE						
1998	71,823(B)			8	552	72,383

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 29,000 for the year 255,000; last year to date 294,000.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 17-Apr-99 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	151,880 (A)	2,510	1,343	3,853	434
AVGWT	5.07	3.43	7.69	4.91	6.67
LAST WEEK	147,925	2,098	1,318	3,416	451
YR AGO	142,930	2,433	1,254	3,687	422
AVGWT	4.88	3.40	8.02	4.97	7.11
1999	2,245,298	32,613	19,959	52,572	6,866
1998	2,168,999	30,637	18,607	49,244	6,711

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 150.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 149.7 million head or 0.7 million head less than or 100 percent of estimated fryers available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 24-Apr-99

	CURRENT WEEK 04/24/99 (1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 04/17/99
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
CLASS		
BRO-FRY	149,844 (2)	149,404
LT HENS	2,269	2,491
HVY HENS	1,538	1,474
TOTAL	153,651	153,369

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 151.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 153.7 million head or 2.1 million head more than or 101 percent of estimated fryers available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
MARCH 13	152.2	150.2	101	4.98
20	150.6	148.5	101	5.06
27	149.9	147.7	101	5.11
APRIL 3	146.3	148.8	98	5.00
10	149.7	150.4	100	4.97
17	153.7	151.6	101	5.07
YEAR TO DATE	2272.4	2243.7	101	
APRIL 24		153.6		
MAY 1		154.8		

**12-CITY COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS**

	Change from		
19-Apr-99	12-Apr-99	12-Apr-99	20-Apr-99
55.53	0.92	54.61	59.02
NUMBER OF LOADS	630		

**READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS**

FINAL REPORT OF PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR TRUCKLOT SALES OF READY-TO-COOK ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED B/F TO BE DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS WEEK OF 4/19-4/24/99.

	U.S. GRADE A	COMPOSITE
	MAJ WTD AVG	LDS WTD AVG LDS
Chicago 48.00-50.00	49.58	53 51.80 84
Los Angeles 63.00	62.35	61 62.58 112
New York 41.00-45.00	45.53	58 49.13 88

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS,** FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/ 8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	64	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	65	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	65	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	65-66	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)**

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 19-Apr-99	2,086	148,129	86,730
AM 1-Apr-99	2,391	133,622	85,910
CHG	-305	14507	820
PCT CHG	-13	11	1

**HEN MARKETS**

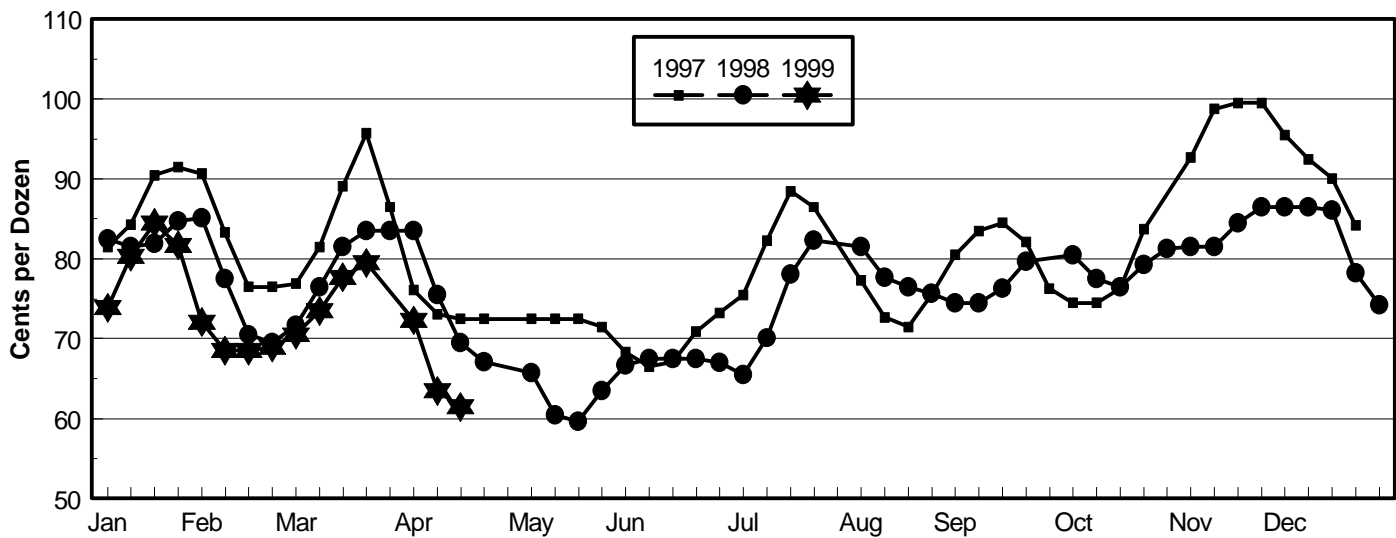
Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

	HEAVY TYPE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
4/19/99	RANGE		
Southeast Heavy	14-.5-22(1)	15-18.5	17.55
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR(2)		
South Central Heavy	17-22(1)	18-19	19.25
4/16/99	LIGHT TYPE		
Eastern Light	0-.5(1)		
Eastern Light	TFEWR(2)		
So. Central Light	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central Light	TFEWR(1)		
No. Central Light	1.5(2)		
(1) At Farm Buyer Loading			
(2) At Farm Producer Loading			

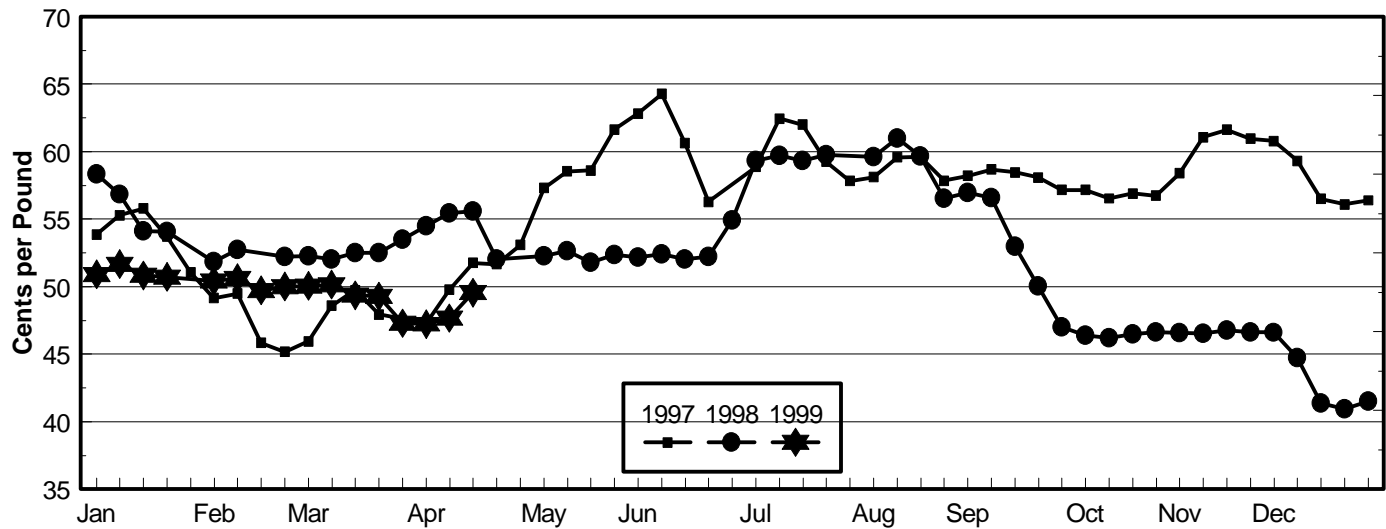
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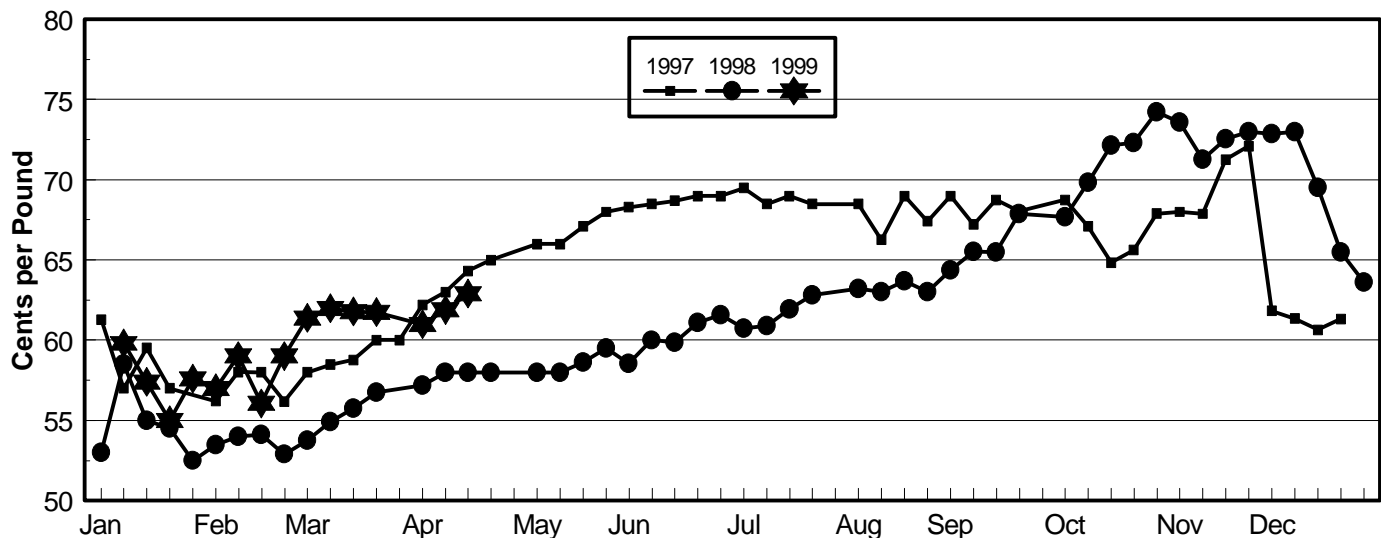
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1997, 1998, 1999



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Final Weighted Average Prices, US Grade A, 1997, 1998, 1999



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices for 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys, 1997, 1998, 1999



Note: Some weeks' averages are based on offers only.